

The promise of matrimonie

IOpys by the grace of god kyng of Fraunce . Unto alle
thyn that thys present tres shall see . gretynge . Be it know-
nen that betwene the most xpen pryncipe the kyng of Fraunce
afarespor . and the most noble pryncipe the kyng of Englande he
moost dere couisen true entier and pferre ampre ys couenantor and
declider impolabyl tendure from the date of thys presentes duryng
thir bothe lyues . So that as long as thy lyue / werre batailles / hosti-
lites betwixt thym / their realmes countreyes and subgettes alweye
shall ceasse and Deth beniuolence and frenelidow thy shall receyue /
entire thym self / and their subgettis ¶ Item to thyngurable obser-
uance of the sepor ampre betwixt the sepor prynces it ys promysed cou-
uenanted or accorded and concluded that thir shalbe contracted or and
had a mariage betwene the right noble pryncipe Charles the sonne of the
sepor moost xpen kyng of Fraunce . and the moost bryngynge prynesse
my lady Elizabeth daughter of the sepor moost victorious kyng of Eng-
lande Johanne that thys shall come to yeres of mariage . And that the
same moost xpen kyng of Fraunce shall condigne / connyuge or do to be
conveyed honourably the same Lady Elizabeth from the Realme of
Englande for the solempnization of the same mariage into the parties
of Fraunce at thys costes and charges of the same kyng of Fraunce . &
over that he shall endowe her or do her to be endowyd to the perely rent
of thre score thousand pound in Alshiere after the custome of the real-
me of Fraunce . And that the sam: dower shall be assignd / geuen to
the same lady assone as she shall come to yeres of mariage And if it
fortune the same lady Elizabeth before the pfectyng of the sepor tract
as it is afore sepor of the sepor matrimonye that god defende to decease
that than matrimonye shall be maad betwixt the sepor pryncipe Chris-
& the most noble prynesse my lady Mary another of the sepor kyng
of Englande daughters ¶ Item the sepor kyng of Fraunce shal co-
ueye her or do her to be conveyed worshipfully from the realme of En-
glande into the parties of Fraunce at hys ppre and oonly costes and
charges . and in semblable wise endowe her as it is before rehersed .
And to thentent that the sepor matrimonye as it is afore sepor with-
out fayle shall be doon / aperfysyd / the said moost myghty prynces
of Fraunce and Englande in the wude of a prince and on their fys-
thys bane promysed / either of them hath promysed / bounden hem self
to thypfingyngh of / with all thaire pouers to put thyrunto thir hel-
pewys bandes and with effect to emploie unto the same thir continuall
labours ¶ In witnessse of all which / & singuler pmisses the sepor
kyng of Fraunce hath put to this present wryting subscribed with his

ouen bante his grete seal. **C**oven in the Citee of Lambeth the .xxv .
day of August the yere of our lord 1494. And the .xv .
yere of the raigne of Fraunces reigne . being present at the sealynge
ther / the Duke of Bourboun . the Bishop of Querke . Thadmiral
of Fraunce / the lord Lode governour of Dolphynale . the lord Bain
pare / the lord Argenton / the lord Bussage and many other

The letter of annuelle port

Comyng by the grace of god kyng of Fraunce . to all and enide
that thies presentes lettres shall see greynge . we woul that alle men
knowe / that we haue graunted / promysed / & obligeid vs and also by
these presentes we graunte / promyse and oblige vs to pay and reallie / &
with effect to deliuer in the Citee of London withyn Englond to the
moost noble Prynce Edward by the same grace Kyng of Englond
oure drest Cosyn every pere durynge our bothe lyues . i . thousand scu
tes of gold or every scute beynge of the valure of . xxxii . grete blankes
vnder such manere and fourme as here after foloweth . That vs to
say / we shall paye and deliuer or we shall doo to be payed / and deli
uered to the same oure Cousyn kyng of Englond in the Citee of Lon
don . xxv . thousand scutes of gold of the forsayde valure and estyma
cion in the feste of Estre next commynge And . xxv . thousand scutes
of gold of the same estymacion and valure in the forsayde place in
the feste of saint Mighell tharchaungell than next folowing And
soo we shall pay and deliuer or do to be payed and deliuered pere
ly and from pere to pere vnto our sayde cousin in the place and tyme
asfore sayde durynge our bothe lyues . i . thousand scutes of golde of
the sayde valure at Estre and Mighelmas by equale portion as it ys
before retched : To the whiche papement truly fermely and contynu
elly by vs durynge oure bothe lyues perly as vs before sayd to be made
we promyse bynd vs and oblige vs by oure fai h and in the worte of a
kyng and by the holt Evangelistes by vs touchid we bynd vs and ob
lige also our heires executors and successors oure Realme and con
trictes lordships and all our goodis / hat we nowe haue and by eaſter
shall haue cueritie of our subgettis and their goodis wheresoever they
may be founde . And for the more sure obuaunce and accomplis
hing of all and cueritie of the premises we shal bynd vs vnder the
pynes of the chambre apostolike and by the obligation of Will And
over this we promyse and bynd vs by these presentes that we shal
þeke and make the felisship and felidnes of the banke de Mordys
deutly and lawfully to be bounden for the sayde ffeſt þousand scutes /
perly and impropably to be paied to the same oure Cousyn of Eng



lanch under such maner and fourme as ys before rehersed whiche
their obligacion therupon dwip made in dorþing we shalle deliuer or
do to be really deliuered in England to the same moost noble kyng
of England before the feste of the purification of our Lady next comþng . Or elles we shall purchase and obteyne at oure pper costes &
charge of our holy father lyþ pope a bull apostolike sealed with lede
wyx in þe auctorite of the See apostolike all & enerche of þees premiss
ses shalbe confermed under seales of Interþyng oure Realme coun
treies and lordshipes and of cursyng oure owne personys of we ob
serue not and perfourme all and enerche of þees premisses Under s
ch fourme as ys before rehersed And that bull soo by ss purcha
ced we shalle deliuer or do to be deliuered in England to oure saþe
moost prest Cousyn kyng of England before the saþe feste of the
purification of oure Lady next commþng ¶ In witness & faith
of all & enerche of whiche premisses we haue doon to be sett to þees our
present lyes patentz subscrivd with oure owne hand oure grete seale
¶ Yeuell in oure citie of Ambras the .xxiiij . daye of the moneth of
August the yere of our lord a thousand CCC . lxxv . and of our
Reigne the .xv . ¶ Subscrivd thus Lxxv

¶ There were present at this sealing and assenting to the same The
Duke of Burton The Bisshop of Enoe / Thadmprall of Fraunce
The lord Duke governour of Dolphyne / the lord Bain pere / the lord
Argenton / the lord Bossage and many moe as appereth in the saþe
lettres patentz

The obligation of Nisi

¶ In the name of god Amen . By this present publike and au
tentique instrument . Be it knowen to alle men that on the yere of our
lord a thousand . CCC . lxxv . the . viii . Indiction / the . xx . day
of the moneth of August the . viii . yere of our holy Father lyþ pope . iv .
the pope in the citie of Ambras in a high chambre within the palas
of the Bisshop of Ambras the moost noble and moost Episcop Prince /
Loyde by lyþ grace of god kyng of Fraunce being personell of his
bengynsite and of his free volle gane oþdycence and submitedde
hem in alle these thynges that folowen unto the spirituall Courte of
Ambras and onto þe officiall of the right Reverende father in god
John Bisshop of Ambras & onto our Jurisdiction And the same cure

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jurisdiction to be had & exercized upon hym concerning such thinges
as foloweth well lawfully & duly proged or and before vs the sayd of-
ficials beinge so on this behalfe his lawfull and competent Inge &
sittinge in iuggement being also present with vs a notary apostolike
here subscribeor the saide moost noble prince Edwardis knowlage or
confesseor hym self lawfully to are and rightwysly to be obligeor an-
to the moost noble prince Edwardis by the same grace kyng of Eng-
land to pay to the same kyng of England .l. thousand scutes in the
Cure of lounnon within England every pere at the termes of Easter
and Ascensiontis by equale portion as long as bothe the sayde prices
of fraunce and England shall lyue The same kyng lyes promyseid
also to pay perely the sayde .l. thousand scutes to the same kyng of
England at the sayde tymes and place as it is before reherced upon
the peyne of the chambre apostolike & of all the censures of the chur-
che Renuncieng all suche preuileges and benefices of the lade as to
hym beloued & apperteyneth or may apperteyn in that behalfe And ouer
that the same kyng lodes required vs the sayde officials to gyue iug-
gement of excoitacion agenst hym & than to acuse hym nowe
as then & then as nowe yf he paled not perely to the saide kyng of En-
gland the forsayde .l. thousand scutes at the sayde tymes and place du-
ring their bothe lyues as it is before reherced / we therfore the sayde
Officialis hanging god before oure heipes & sittinge as Inge & in iugge-
ment seeing the forsayde knowlage and confession of the sayde King
Edward haue monished & inloyned & by these presentes monishe and
inloyn the same king Edward that he pape or doo to be paie dperely and
euery pere during their bothe lyues .l. thousand scutes at the place &
tyme before reherced & that upon peine of excommunicacion and cur-
sing the which sentee and iugement of excommunicacion & cursing
doe the forsayde officialis gyne and adiuge in this our writing upon &
agenst the sayde moost noble prince Edwardis kyng of Fraunce & hym
doo a curse nowe as then and then as nowe if he pay not or do to be paie
or euery pere to the sayde kyng of England .l. thousand scutes at
the tyme & place aforesayde & hym so accursed denounce dooll denounce
and shull make to be denounced ¶ In witnessesse & peine of all and
euerytyme of thes premisses doe the forsayde officials haue sette to this
present publicke & autentylke Instrument the seal of the spirituall court
of Ampas and also oure private signet And also haue caused the
large apostolike here under written to signe and subscribe the same . We
men the pere Indiccion Moneth the daye and place as it ys here befor
Dorpten

C And I John Fabri clerke of the diocise of ampas publike assyble
by the auctorite apostolique as imperiall Notarpe Ande also notarpe &
Scribe sworne of the spirituall ande ordinarie Courte of Ampas haue
been present whiles that all ande enerichy of these premisses were had
seid and doon . and the pme salve huror ande hewe so hys seid &
do on / Ande therfore to this present publyc ande auctoritayle instru-
ment sealid with the scale of the sayd court of Ampas ande with the
signet of the sayd officiall I the sayd John Fabri requirede haue
sette myn bledre ande accustomed apostolique signe ande subscribed
with myn owne hande in pue ande witnessesse of the trouth of all ande
enerichy of thys premisses

C Charticles of the conuencion blyvene the frensh
King and de Duc of austrie late called duc of burgoyne

C In the name of god / ande the gloriou syrgyn Marpe ande of
all the court celestial peas sygnal shpaunce & tempuolence for
ever more pe maade / pmised ande sworne betwene the king my lord
Daulphen thir roialme thir londes lordships ande subgettis / on the
one partie & my lord le Dauphyan Duc of austriche my lord Duc le
lip ande Damysel margarete their children their londes lordships and
subgettis on the other / by the vchiche al maner rancours haterodes &
malpuolences of eithir of the parties agenst other ben put down & sette
away ande al maner iniurys of dede & of wordes rempitide & forges-
uen for greter surghe of the sayd peas traptie ande shpaunce of ma-
riage is maade pmysed sentide ande accordeide betwene my lord the
Daulphen onely sonne of the kyng & heire apparant to the Croune and
my sayd damysel of austrie onely daughter of the oneys daughter
of the deceasid my lord Duc Charles bohom godz assyble . ande the
sayd mariage shalbe endyd and solemnysed the sayd damysel co-
men to age whan thys same mariage shal be required or right

C Item that in thys sayd traptie of pres thy persone of my said lady
margaret duchesse of Bourgoyne daulhee / late wyf of my lord the
Duc Charles deceasid is compryseide ande unto her shalbe kepynd for the
boole londes of chancuns ande of the perier in thys londe of Bourgoyne
Wher ther upon thys shal graunte unto her his lettres patenties ac-
cording unto the contenuie of thys same that six hys of thys sayd Duc
and duchesse

AItem in asmodt as the sayd ambassadours hane maade requeste
that for certeyn consideracion that ther hane shewyd to the kynges folke
that his plesure may be to compas in the same tryste of peas the king
of Englonor and the Duke of Bretaigne

AIt is answere that English men been in the trethe with the kyng
and that this trethe toucheth them in no thyng / and as for the Duke of
Bretaigne the kyng hath no werte with hym but peas fynal & oþre so
solempnly hath ben made betwix them the which the kyng will kepe in
his partie

AAnd yet the kyng & my sayd lord the Dauphen ancouched & dy-
sundered for his young age in the presence of thambassadours & commis-
sioners from the kyng shall swere solempnly upon the precious body
of our lord upon the wylc croffe & holy canon of the messe to kepe & ens-
fetterynge this present tryste of peas & of mariage in his yongnes &
articles and never doo ne suffice to be doon in the contrarie by ony man
her wye or mane that may be

AAnd over thys the kyng shal do haue the lettres & seales in partic-
uler of my lordes the Dukes of Breteunce angelisme Barroon Ca-
dynal de Leon Earle of nevers my lord of Beaugren & of Beroseme
as myghtest to the blode subrogator & substityute in the regalme of the
perys that therbysshoppes & Dyc of Laon & of Langres of the Bes-
toups and erles of novon chalops Beaupois pieres of fraunce the
felles of the universite of parys of the townes circers & compagnies of
parys . Roen . Breteunce . Tournay . Leon Troyes Bourgane No-
chill Angiers Poptiers Colouse Rayne Ampens Habruille Epone
feull Throuaine Hier Saint Oupintys Perone prelates & nobles
of the erlomes of Artois & of Bourgognie to be deluyerd of shyn-
ing my sayd lord the Duke & to the states of bgs Countees



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